

Market Street Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Project Focused on Extensive Utility Work this Summer

Summer 2025 – Widespread utility work remains the focus of activity this summer on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) \$148.9 million project to rehabilitate or replace the bridges that carry Market Street over Interstate 76, the Schuylkill River, the Schuylkill River Trail, and CSX Railroad in Center City Philadelphia.

Construction activities since the project began in the spring have been limited to extensive work by more than a dozen utility contractors to move, relocate, replace or install electric, gas, water, fiber optic and other lines within the project area.

In late May the contractor established a long-term, barrier-protected traffic pattern in the middle of Market Street between 30th Street and Schuylkill Avenue. The pattern shifts eastbound and westbound traffic to the outside of a work area in slightly narrower lanes.

The contractor is currently working on the removal and reconstruction of the Market Street Bridge in this work area. In addition, work on this structure is being coordinated with SEPTA since mid-July during the annual SEPTA “Trolley Blitz”. This will help in getting work completed on the substructure of the Market Street Bridge that is located within the Market Street Tunnel (Green Line Tracks 1& 4 between 30th Street Station and 22nd Street). That work includes cleaning, painting, and structural repairs to the underground Market Street Bridge. This work is expected to be completed in early August.

Periodic travel restrictions may also be in place on Market Street, 30th Street, and I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) as the utility work expands across a Market Street work area stretching from 23rd Street in Center City and 31st Street on the west side of the river.

Construction also will take place later this summer on the Walnut Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River, where PennDOT will be completing bridge preservation maintenance including expansion dam replacement.

Work on the Market Street bridges included in this contract will begin to ramp up in 2026, though the Market Street corridor will remain open during the U.S. 250th Anniversary Celebrations next summer.

The entire project is expected to take at least four years to complete.

Market Street will remain two lanes in each direction daily during peak hours. Bicyclists will be detoured to the existing bicycle network on Chestnut and Walnut streets.

Under this contract,

- The superstructure on the Market Street bridge over Amtrak and Interstate 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) near 30th Street will be replaced.
- The deteriorated deck and sidewalks of the Market Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River will be replaced.
- The four-span Market Street bridge over the Schuylkill River Trail and CSX Railroad on the east side of the river will be replaced.
- A two-way bicycle lane with concrete separators will be installed and connected to the existing bicycle facilities at 23rd Street. A bicycle signal will be installed at Market Street and Schuylkill Avenue West.
- Preservation improvements will be made to the Walnut Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River, and Walnut Street will be repaved between 33rd and 22nd streets.
- A parking-separated bicycle lane will be installed on Walnut Street from 33rd Street to 22nd Street.
- Modifications and upgrades also will be made to traffic signals, signing and lighting in the project area.

Buckley & Company Inc., of Philadelphia, is the general contractor. The entire project, financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

For more information, please visit the [Market Street Bridges project page](#)